

Have You Ever Thought that You Could Provide a Home for a Young Person?

The Ministry of Correctional Services invites you to consider the experience of helping adolescent children, ages 14 to 17, to grow and develop in a positive way by living with your family for a period of time.

For various reasons they are no longer able to live with their families and yet they need the help of a concerned family as they struggle through the difficult teen years.

Different Homes to Meet Different Needs:

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A young person who has been separated from his family early in life often needs the acceptance of a family after he has been in an institution. By receiving the care and warmth a family setting can offer, you will help him to continue his personal development and growth. A family's commitment to such a child would be long term in nature.

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Older adolescents who cannot live with their own families often require a home where they can develop those basic life skills which will allow them to step into adulthood as responsible persons.

The commitment to this young person would not be long term and would be dependent upon the individual's development of independent skills.

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Other adolescents experience serious conflict within their own families and need a time away in order that communication between family members can be restored and a return home can be negotiated.

Again this would be a short term stay with your family but a very important stepping stone towards a young person eventually becoming reunited with his family.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING

In Providing a Home

for a Young Person

You should be able to care about the youngster who comes into your home as a complete stranger.

You must accept that anyone added to your household causes some changes and takes some of your time and energy.

You should have the will to persevere with the youth, despite the disappointment of his or her mistakes - and yours.

You should be willing to work co-operatively with a Probation/Aftercare Officer, to help the boy or girl who is placed with you.

... IF YOU ARE INTERESTED FILL IN
AND RETURN THE ATTACHED ENQUIRY
FORM TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Or telephone us at: _____

A representative of this Ministry will arrange to
visit you and your family to give you more
details and answer your questions.

This will not be a commitment but could lead
to your further serious consideration to be-
coming a foster parent.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Financing

While a child is in your care, a non-taxable
per diem rate is paid monthly. Out of this,
the child receives weekly spending money
and clothing allowances.

In addition, medical and dental expenses
are paid by the Ministry.

Support

The Probation/Aftercare Officer will maintain
regular contact with you while you are foster
parents. The guidance that the foster child
receives is the shared responsibility of the
foster family and the Probation/Aftercare
Officer.

Training and Foster Parent Groups

In the Metro Toronto and several other areas,
a training and orientation course is available
for prospective foster parents.

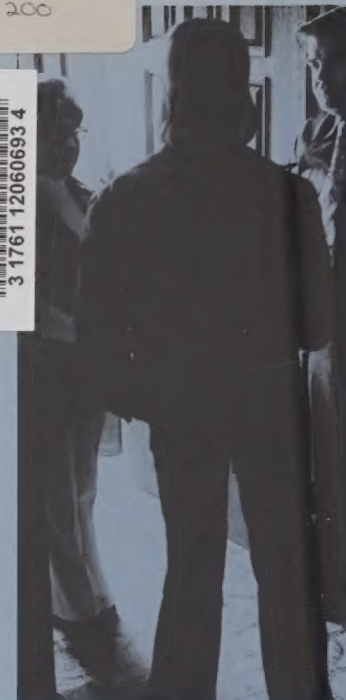
Ongoing monthly meetings are also convened
to provide foster parents with continued
association.



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